

DNREC to hold public meeting Oct. 11 in Wilmington on EPA's proposed replacement of federal Clean Power Plan

WILMINGTON – The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control will hold a public meeting Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington to allow Delawareans to voice their views on the EPA's proposal to repeal the federal Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, and replace it with the Affordable Clean Energy rule proposed by EPA in August. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. at the Chase Center, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Delaware and the nation will be impacted by EPA's action or inaction. As the lowest-lying state in the nation, Delaware already is witnessing first-hand the impacts of climate change – and the state had begun moving ahead with the Clean Power Plan before EPA proposed repealing it last spring. The Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule falls short of establishing emission guidelines for states to develop plans to address greenhouse gas emissions from existing coal-fired power plants. More details about the ACE rule can be found at EPA's website

(<https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/proposal-affordable-clean-energy-ace-rule>).

EPA has thus far proposed just one public hearing on the proposed rule, to be held in Chicago. DNREC is holding the Oct. 11 public meeting in response to EPA's decision to hold only one public hearing at a venue that does not accommodate Delawareans and others along the East Coast for voicing their opinions – just as the Department did with another public

meeting in Wilmington when the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan last spring. Comments made at the October meeting will be submitted in the form of a transcript on behalf of the participants to EPA's federal docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355.

"Delawareans know the state is already experiencing detrimental impacts from climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "We are moving ahead with this meeting because the Affordable Clean Energy Rule offers little in the way of real greenhouse gas emission reductions from the power sector. We are holding the meeting so that Delawareans and East Coast citizens have an opportunity to participate in the decision that will directly impact their lives and environment."

DNREC anticipates limiting each speaker to between 3-5 minutes at the meeting but may adjust the time depending on the number of people who register to speak. Anyone wishing to speak at DNREC's public meeting on EPA's proposed Affordable Clean Energy Rule is asked to register no later than Oct. 9 by sending an email to: Valerie.gray@delaware.gov.

For more information on DNREC's climate and greenhouse gas mitigation programs, please visit the [DNREC website](#).

For more information about the Oct. 11 public meeting, please visit the Delaware Public Meeting calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/Meeting/60572>

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